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Subject: Amendment #5 (Formal Amendment) to the FY 2004/05 through 2009/10 Council of Fresno County Governments FTIP

Dear Mr. Bagde:

On June 30, 2005, the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board formally adopted Amendment #5 (Formal Amendment) to the *FY 2004/05 through 2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)*. Below are the specified changes to the FTIP:

The City of Fresno, CTIPS IDs 203-0000-0369 and 203-0000-0370: Incorporation of two additional projects into the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) for a project located on Herndon Avenue. This project will increase capacity and provide for general improvements in the Marks to Valentine and Weber to Golden State portions of this corridor. The two new projects were added into the Triennial Element for FFY 2004/05 and 2006/07 and future years 07/08.

The City of Fresno, CTIPS ID 203-0000-0344: Change of project scope requiring a modification to the RSTP. The description regarding defined project limits was changed to reflect new project limits of Cedar Avenue between Olive Avenue and Shepherd Avenue.

The City of Fresno, CTIPS IDs 203-0000-0224 and 203-0000-0373: Moved funding programmed in the CMAQ program for FY 2004/05 to cover cost overruns on a project from the FY 2002-03 through 2007-08 FTIP. The amount of \$401,400 (federal) construction phase funding for FFY 2004/05 was shifted from project 203-0000-0224 to project 203-0000-0373.

The City of Reedley, CTIPS IDs 203-0000-0091, 203-0000-0241, 203-0000-0371: Modifications to the RSTP. Delay construction, moving \$143,800 (federal) phase funding programmed in FFY 2005/06 to 06/07 for project 203-0000-0091. This delay in construction allowed for \$250,000 of FFY 2006/07 construction phase funding from project 203-0000-0241 to be moved to project 203-0000-0371 splitting construction phase funding in the amount of \$143,800 (federal) for FFY 2005/06 and \$106,200 (federal) for FFY 2006/07.

The City of Clovis, CTIPS IDs 203-0000-0230 and 203-0000-0372: Modifications to the RSTP. \$423,700 (federal) construction phase funding for FFY 2004/05 was moved from project 203-0000-0230 to project 203-0000-0372. This moved funds from a lump sum to a stand alone project.

The projects included in this amendment are non-regionally significant. With the exception of the two City of Fresno projects, 203-0000-0369 and 203-0000-0370, all projects are considered exempt from air quality conformity. The TIP as amended does meet the transportation conformity provisions 40 CFR 93.122(g).

The conformity determination used for this amendment was based on the 2005 June Air Quality

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

Conformity Determination covering Fresno County's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2004 through 2009-10 FTIP, including Amendments #1 through #5. This conformity determination was adopted by our board on June 30, 2005 and has been submitted to Federal Highways for approval. The TIP as amended meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450 and does not interfere with the timely implementation of any approved TCMs. The TIP as amended has been found to conform to the SIP.

Attached is a copy of the Board's Resolution and amendment for your review and approval. Expenditures Summary Sheets have been included as well as a copy of the annotated staff report for your reference.

We have updated the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) to reflect this amendment and have enclosed the appropriate sheets as noted above. If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact myself or Les Beshears at (559) 233-4148. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



RENEE DEVERE, Planning Coordinator
Council of Fresno County Governments

Attachments (4 Copies to Caltrans, Division of Programming)

cc:

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BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-23

In the Matter of:)

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)
2004-05 - 2009-10)

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE
2005-06 FTIP, AMENDMENT #5
(FORMAL AMENDMENT)
AMENDS CMAQ, RSTP

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fresno County Region; and

WHEREAS, the 2004-05 through 2009-10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment (1) Programs new Regional Bid Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) projects. Revises schedules, phases and funding amounts of projects currently programmed in the 04-05 FTIP in order to achieve financial constraint and to accommodate local agency requests (2) Programs four new RSTP projects, a median project, two Herndon Avenue related projects, and a Peach Avenue project (3) Programs one new CMAQ project, a signal synchronization project (3) Revises project descriptions and makes other minor changes as warranted (4) Revises the schedule and funding amounts of currently programmed projects. (5) Updates Appendices H and I to incorporate new projects and changes to existing projects.

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has provided guidance that projects submitted in the TIP be demonstrated as reasonable requests when compared to available funding and we can affirm that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, the COFCG process for TIP project selection is currently serving as the MPO's formal Project Selection Process as required under TEA 21 and is consistent with the outlined guidance; and

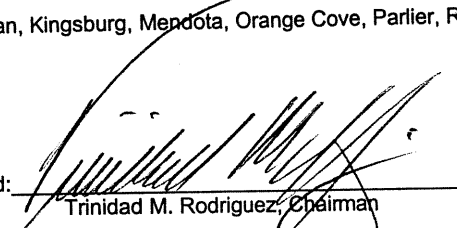
WHEREAS, this Amendment has been through a public participation process by being circulated and reviewed by the Council of Fresno County Governments' member agencies representing their technical and management staffs; representatives of other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the project contained in this amendment does not require a re-determination of the air quality conformity analysis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Fresno County Governments hereby amends the 2004-05 through 2009-10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program reflecting the projects shown in the attached exhibit.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 30th day of June, 2005.

AYES:	Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San
NOES:	Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County
	None
ABSTAIN:	
	None
ABSENT:	
	Fresno
ATTEST:	

Signed: 
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 30th day of June, 2005.

Signed: 
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (Non-transit)

Route Postmile PIN Dist-EA Fund AQ Lead	Description	Phase	Prior Years	Program Schedule (Construction costs escalated per Caltrans percentage)						Change Description Project Comments		
				Triennial Element						Funding Summary (Current & Prior Years)		
				04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	Local	State	Federal
FRE020130	In Fresno - Lump-Sum Traffic Signal Synchronization Facilities Consistent with 40 CFR part 93.126, 127, 128, exempt tables 2&3.	PE RW Const	256,500	500,000	500,000					Cost/Scope/Sch. Change ***** Version 5 - 05/26/2005 ***** ***** Version 4 - 06/15/2004 ***** ***** Version 3 - 07/03/2003 ***** ***** Version 2 - 06/11/2002 *****		
AGENCY/CMAQ 5.07 Fresno, City of	\$ 1,256,500 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total	256,500	500,000	500,000					Prior Current	29,400 114,700	227,100 885,300
FRE040123	FCMA Signal Synchronization Project ITS	PE RW Const		453,400						New Project ***** Version 1 - 05/26/2005 *****		
AGENCY/CMAQ 5.07 Fresno, City of	\$ 453,400 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total		453,400						Prior Current	52,000	401,400

Regional Surface Transportation Program

Route Postmile PIN Dist-EA Fund AQ Lead	Description	Phase	Prior Years	Program Schedule (Construction costs escalated per Caltrans percentage)						Change Description Project Comments		
				Triennial Element						Funding Summary (Current & Prior Years)		
				04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	Local	State	Federal
FRE020604	In Clovis - Lump-Sum Widening of Narrow Pavement and Construction of Median Islands For Safety (No Additional Travel Lanes). Consistent with 40 CFR part 93.126, 127, 128, exempt tables	PE RW Const	20,000	458,600						Cost/Scope/Sch. Change ***** Version 6 - 05/24/2005 ***** ***** Version 5 - 03/24/2005 ***** ***** Version 4 - 06/16/2004 ***** ***** Version 3 - 12/11/2003 *****		
AGENCY/STPL 1.16 Clovis, City of	\$ 478,600 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total	20,000	458,600						Prior Current	2,300 52,600	17,700 406,000
FRE040624	Construction of center travel lanes of the couplet to connect the alignments of Peach Avenue north and south of Herndon Avenue	PE RW Const		478,600						New Project ***** Version 1 - 05/24/2005 ***** Originally part of FRE020604		
AGENCY/STPL 0.00 Clovis, City of	\$ 478,600 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total		478,600						Prior Current	54,900	423,700

2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

FRED0614	Signal coordination and synchronization (Cedar Avenue, between Olive Avenue and Shepherd Avenue)	PE RW Const	13,000 76,900						Cost/Scope/Sch. Change ***** Version 2 - 05/26/2005 ***** ***** Version 1 - 03/23/2005 *****
AGENCY/STPL 5.07 Fresno, City of	\$ 89,900 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total	89,900					Prior Current	10,300 79,600
FRED0621	Herndon from Marks to Valentine-Widening to six lanes. Traffic signal modifications and landscaping.	PE RW Const	130,000 	300,011	1,527,053			New Project ***** Version 1 - 05/23/2005 *****	
AGENCY/STPL 0.00 Fresno, City of	\$ 1,957,064 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total	130,000	300,011	1,527,053			Prior Current	224,464 1,732,600
FRED0622	Herndon from SR 99 to Weber and Golden State Blvd. Addition of through lanes, turn lanes, bus bays. Modification of at grade railroad crossing. Addition of medians and landscaping.	PE RW Const	276,000 	304,755	2,599,232			New Project ***** Version 1 - 05/23/2005 *****	
AGENCY/STPL 0.00 Fresno, City of	\$ 3,179,987 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total	276,000	304,755	2,599,232			Prior Current	364,787 2,815,200
FRED0633	In Reedley - Install Traffic Signal at Intersection of Buttonwillow and Dinuba Avenue. Widen and Improve Intersection Approaches.	PE RW Const	33,900 45,200 	162,400				Cost/Scope/Sch. Change ***** Version 5 - 05/23/2005 ***** ***** Version 4 - 03/24/2005 ***** ***** Version 3 - 06/16/2004 ***** ***** Version 2 - 06/12/2002 *****	
AGENCY/STPL-F 5.02 Reedley, City of	\$ 241,500 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total	79,100	162,400				Prior Current	9,100 143,800
FRED0635	In Reedley - A/C Overlay on Manning Avenue (Kings River Road to 1,400 Feet East of Buttonwillow Avenue). Reconstruct for Safety (No Additional Travel Lanes).	PE RW Const	46,000 	453,000				Cost/Scope/Sch. Change ***** Version 4 - 05/23/2005 ***** ***** Version 3 - 06/16/2004 ***** ***** Version 2 - 06/12/2002 ***** ***** Version 1 - 05/28/2002 *****	
STPL/AGENCY 1.10 Reedley, City of	\$ 499,000 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total	46,000	453,000				Prior Current	5,300 401,000
FRED0623	Gateway landscaped median and misc improvements	PE RW Const		162,400	120,000			New Project ***** Version 1 - 05/23/2005 *****	
AGENCY/STPL 4.09 Reedley, City of	\$ 282,400 FTIP Amend 5.00	Total		162,400	120,000			Prior Current	32,400 250,000

FEDERAL TIP EXPENDITURES

FUNDS PROGRAMMED (EXPENDITURES)		(\$ shown are in thousands)							TOTAL
		I Triennial Element I							
		04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10		
Bridge Replacement (Federal)	4,092.0	980.0	409.0	16,802.0			22,283.0		
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (Federal)	10,319.0	9,456.0	9,645.0	6,817.3			36,237.3		
Federal Lands Program (Federal)	6,450.0						6,450.0		
Recreation Trails (Federal)	0.0								
Regional Surface Transportation Program (Federal)	8,342.0	8,509.0	8,675.7				25,526.7		
Surface Transportation - Emergency Repair (Federal)	40.0	40.0	40.0				120.0		
Surface Transportation - Hazard Elimination (Federal)	788.7						788.7		
Surface Transportation - 130 R/R Grade Crossing (Federal)	1,715.0	1,013.0					2,728.0		
FTA Section 5307 (Federal)	10,504.5	11,198.7	9,976.3	10,695.7			42,375.2		
FTA Section 5309 (Federal)	1,815.1								
FTA Section 5310 (Federal)	0.0								
FTA Section 5311 (Federal)	422.4						422.4		
Federal SubTotal	44,488.7	31,196.7	28,746.0	34,315.0			136,931.3		
Emergency Repair Program (State Program)	10.0	10.0	10.0				30.0		
Highway Operation & Protection (State Program)	6,035.0	3,608.0					9,643.0		
Minor Programs (State Program)	841.0						841.0		
STIP - Regional Choice (State Program)	114.0	5,836.0	1,615.0	115.0	404.0		8,084.0		
STIP - Regional TEA (State Program)		1,945.4	2,163.3				4,108.7		
STIP - Interregional Program (State Program)	0.0	1,500.0		9,923.0	1,158.0		12,581.0		
STIP - Interregional TEA (State Program)	10.0	1,867.0	30.0				1,907.0		
Regional TEA (STPE-L)	882.2								
Other State Match (State Program)	1,386.0	721.6					2,107.6		
Note: Many programs noted as "State Prg." have federal dollars mixed with state dollars (See CTIPS)									
State SubTotal	9,278.2	15,488.0	3,818.3	10,038.0	1,562.0		39,302.3		
Other Locally Committed Revenues (Varied Local)	13,556.4	4,488.6	3,170.6	2,673.9			23,889.5		
Measure "C" Program (Local Sales Tax)	21,265.0	22,263.0	74,546.0				118,074.0		
Local SubTotal	34,821.4	26,751.6	77,716.6	2,673.9			141,963.5		
TOTAL PROGRAMMED	88,588.3	73,436.3	110,280.9	47,026.9	1,562.0		318,197.1		

FEDERAL TIP REVENUE SOURCES

AVAILABLE REVENUES BY PROGRAM SOURCE		(\$ shown are in thousands)						TOTAL
		[Triennial Element]						
		04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	
Bridge Replacement (Federal)		4,092.0	980.0	409.0	16,802.0			22,283.0
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (Federal)		10,319.0	9,456.0	9,645.0	9,838.0	10,025.0		49,283.0
Note: 2004-05 through 2009-010 fund estimates are projected.								
Federal Lands Program (Federal)		6,450.0						6,450.0
Recreational Trails (Federal)		0.0						
Regional Surface Transportation Program (Federal)		8,342.0	8,509.0	8,679.0	8,853.0	9,021.0		43,404.0
Note: 2004-05 through 2009-010 fund estimates are projected.								
Surface Transportation - Emergency Repair (Federal)		40.0	40.0	40.0				120.0
Surface Transportation - Hazard Elimination (Federal)		788.7						788.7
Surface Transportation - 130 R/R Grade Crossing (Federal)		1,715.0	1,013.0					2,728.0
Note: 2004-05 through 2009-010 fund estimates are projected.								
FTA Section 5307 (Federal)		10,504.5	11,198.7	9,976.3	10,695.7			42,375.2
FTA Section 5309 (Federal)		1,815.1						
FTA Section 5310 (Federal)		0.0						
FTA Section 5311 (Federal)		422.4						422.4
Federal SubTotal		44,488.7	31,196.7	28,749.3	46,188.7	19,046.0		167,854.3
Emergency Repair Program (State Program)		10.0	10.0	10.0				30.0
Highway Operation & Protection (State Program)		6,035.0	3,608.0					9,643.0
Minor Programs (State Program)		841.0						841.0
STIP - Regional Choice (State Program)		1,863.0	7,610.0	6,425.0				15,898.0
STIP - Regional TEA (State Program)		2,391.0	1,276.0	1,042.0	1,587.0	1,354.0		7,650.0
STIP - Interregional Program (State Program)		0.0	54,422.0					54,422.0
STIP - Interregional TEA (State Program)		10.0	1,867.0	30.0				1,907.0
Regional TEA (STPE-L)		882.2						
Other State Match (State Program)		1,386.0	721.6					2,107.6
Note: Many programs noted as "State Prg." have federal dollars mixed with state dollars (See CTIPS)								
State SubTotal		13,418.2	69,514.6	7,507.0	1,587.0	1,354.0		92,498.6
Other Locally Committed Revenues (Varied Local)		13,556.4	4,488.6	3,170.6	2,673.9			23,889.5
Measure "C" Program (Local Sales Tax)		21,265.0	22,263.0	74,546.0				118,074.0
Local SubTotal		34,821.4	26,751.6	77,716.6	2,673.9			141,963.5
TOTAL REVENUES		92,728.3	127,462.9	113,972.9	50,449.6	20,400.0		402,316.4

use public transportation, but he believes that if Fresno had a light rail system he and a great many other people would use the system. In his letter, he sites several reasons for thinking that a light rail transit system would work in Fresno, and lists many supposed benefits of such a system. SSTAC did not believe that Mr. Kandel had provided any information that would be supportive of an unmet transit need finding.

One additional letter was received after SSTAC had reviewed and approved the Unmet Transit Needs staff reports and findings. Mr. Gary Beddingfield, Fresno State Parking Coordinator, provided a letter dated April 19, 2005. In his letter Mr. Beddingfield identified the same concerns that Fresno State has raised in previous years about the frequency and durations of service, the need for reduced fares for students, and the availability of public transit service from rural communities to Fresno State.

Because SSTAC had reviewed all the concerns during previous unmet transit needs processes, SSTAC directed staff to prepare a reply.

After a careful review of all of the Unmet Transit Needs comments received, SSTAC found that there were no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County. [DOWNS]

Action: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2005-21 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

C. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Amendment #1 to the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan, Amendment #1, Resolution 2005-22

Summary: The City of Fresno is seeking to amend four new transportation projects into the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan. The four projects being included are as follows:

Project Location	Project Limits	Project Type	Year Modeled for Construction
Veterans Blvd.	Ashlan to Gettysburg	New 6 LD Superarterial	2007
Veterans Blvd.	Gettysburg to Barstow	New 6 LD Superarterial	2010
Veterans Blvd.	Barstow to Bullard-Bryan	New 6 LD Superarterial	2020
Veterans Blvd.	Bullard-Bryan to Hendon	New 6 LD Superarterial	2010

The projects have been amended into Appendix G of the 2004 RTP which identifies financially constrained capacity-Increasing Candidate RTP Projects. The addition of these four projects will bring the total for all projects to \$4,106,672,163 of the \$4,844,743,376 of total revenues available. All projects have been modeled for air quality conformity. [DEVERE]

Action: Staff recommends the adoption of Amendment No. 01 to the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan by approval of Resolution 2005-22.

D. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Amendment #5 to the 2004-05 thru 2009-10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Resolution 2005-23

Summary: Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #5 consists of amendment requests by the City of Fresno, the City of Reedley, and the City of Clovis to modify

the Regional Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Programs. The specific amendment requests are as follows:

1. The City of Fresno has requested the incorporation of two additional projects into the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) for a project located on Herndon Avenue. This project will increase capacity and provide for general improvements in the (Marks to Valentine-FRE040621) and (Weber to Golden State-FRE040622) portions of this corridor. The two new projects will be added into the Triennial Element for fiscal years 04/05 and 06/07 and future years 07/08.
2. The City of Fresno has requested a scope change for an existing project (FRE040614) in the RSTP. This is a description change for defined project limits changing existing limits to Cedar Avenue between Olive and Shepherd Avenues.
3. The City of Fresno has requested to move funding programmed in the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program for FY 04/05 (FRE020130, Signal Synchronization) to cover cost overruns on a project from the 2002-03 through 2007-08 FTIP (FRE040123).
4. The City of Reedley has requested a project delay for a project programmed in Fiscal year 05/06 in the RSTP. This project will be delayed until 06/07 allowing for additional funding to be used in the completion of a project currently programmed in 05/06. The Buttonwillow signal project (FRE020633) has been moved back one year to allow additional funding to be removed from a lump sum amount (FRE020635) and advanced to allow for completion of the already existing Gateway project (FRE040623).
5. The City of Clovis has requested to modify an RSTP project to move funds from a lump sum project (FRE020604) to a stand alone project. The Peach Avenue Couplet is now a stand alone project (FRE040624)
[DEVERE]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the approval of Formal Amendment No. 05 to the 2004-05 through 2009-10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program by the adoption of Resolution 2005-23.

E. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of the 2005 June Air Quality Conformity Determination Covering Fresno County's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan, including Amendment #1, and the 2004-05 through 2009-10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, including Amendments #1 thru 5, Resolution 2005-24

Summary: Fresno COG has made a positive air quality conformity finding for the Amended 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2004-05 through 2009-10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), including Amendments #1 through #5.

An Air Quality Conformity Determination is required in non-attainment areas to ensure that transportation plans and programs are consistent with the state and local air quality plans and do not interfere with the timely implementation of transportation control measures. This Air Quality Conformity Determination demonstrates that all of our adopted transportation plans and programs contained in the 2004 RTP and the 2004-05 through 2009-10 FTIP, as amended, are in conformance with the rules for the applicable air quality standards and conforms to provisions of the State Implementation Plans for the San Joaquin Valley. [BITNER/PAUKOVITS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend adoption of the Conformity Finding by approval of Resolution 2005-24.